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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HARTLEY *et al.*

Appl. No.: (To be assigned; Rule 53(b)  
Continuation of U.S. Appl. No. 09/177,387)

Filed: (Herewith)

For: **Recombinational Cloning Using  
Nucleic Acids Having  
Recombination Sites**

Art Unit: (To be assigned)

Examiner: (To be assigned)

Atty. Docket: 0942.285000C/RWE/BJD

**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution in the above identified matter, please amend the application as follows:

***In the Specification:***

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 6, after "present application" please insert --  
*is a continuation of U.S.*

*Application No. 09/177,387, filed October 23, 1998, which*

At page 2, please delete the text at lines 16-18 in its entirety.

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 2-51, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.